



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 6948**
Hideki FUKUDA et al. : Docket No. 2000_1206A
Serial No. 09/654,783 : Group Art Unit 2615
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 19, 2004, the period for response having been extended by one month by the attached petition, please amend the above-identified application as follows: